CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN RECEIVING INDUCED ABORTIONS IN NEW JERSEY
1979

Table 1a

Characteristics	Number	Percent
TYPE OF PROCEDURE		
Suction Curettage (D&C)	11,005	44.5
Sharp Curettage	12,787	51.7
Hysterectomy	6	.02
Hysterotomy	8	.03
Saline Instillation	497	2.0
Prostaglandin Instillation	69	0.3
Other	84	0.3
Unknown	258	1.0
WEEKS OF GESTATION		
< 9	15,362	62.2
9-10	5,061	20.5
11-12	2,013	8.1
13-15	1,203	4.9
16-20	816	3.3
Over 20	47	0.2
Unknown	212	0.9
TYPE OF FACILITY		
Hospitals	7,056	28.6
Clinics	17,658	71.4
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ABORTIONS		
None	15,549	62.9
One	6,334	25.6
Two	1,659	6.7
Three	404	1.6
Over Three	178	0.7
Unknown	590	2.4

INDUCED ABORTIONS RECORDED IN NEW JERSEY BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE, RACE AND AGE

1979

Table 2

County of Residence	Total	Race			Age								
		White	Nonwhite	Unknown	<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	Over 44	Unknown
TOTAL	24,714	15,905	8,659	150	198	6,404	8,338	4,802	2,898	1,500	515	44	15
Atlantic	958	704	253	1	10	273	375	179	78	30	11	2	0
Bergen	3,771	3,211	556	4	19	1,148	1,255	609	412	236	80	12	0
Burlington	224	166	45	13	4	44	63	46	43	17	7	0	0
Camden	181	127	50	4	3	37	66	37	19	10	7	1	1
Cape May	363	321	39	3	4	135	130	59	23	10	2	0	0
Cumberland	307	234	73	0	9	117	93	48	25	10	3	2	0
Essex	4,615	1,665	2,934	16	51	1,032	1,580	1,034	563	261	87	3	4
Gloucester	115	94	20	1	1	33	42	19	10	5	5	0	0
Hudson	4,295	2,157	2,125	13	28	1,023	1,388	933	527	298	97	1	0
Hunterdon	95	92	2	1	0	34	24	14	11	11	1	0	0
Mercer	502	282	185	35	5	108	182	101	60	33	11	2	0
Middlesex	1,282	1,014	266	2	5	297	438	254	167	84	34	3	0
Monmouth	1,279	1,004	267	8	10	475	415	191	114	47	25	2	0
Morris	1,233	1,067	160	6	7	297	404	231	160	96	29	6	3
Ocean	524	492	30	2	4	171	170	86	55	34	4	0	0
Passaic	1,912	1,108	799	5	15	400	688	405	235	127	38	4	0
Salem	25	22	3	0	4	5	10	5	1	0	0	0	0
Somerset	457	402	55	0	3	127	154	87	44	31	9	1	1
Sussex	231	221	7	3	0	63	66	38	43	16	4	1	0
Union	1,614	916	681	17	14	397	544	288	214	107	47	3	0
Warren	149	138	11	0	2	47	54	21	16	6	3	0	0
Out-of-state	235	185	49	1	0	50	74	57	34	14	5	1	0
Unknown	347	283	49	15	0	91	123	60	44	17	6	0	6

INDUCED ABORTIONS RECORDED IN NEW JERSEY AND PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY
AGE, RACE, MARITAL STATUS, GESTATION AND TYPE OF FACILITY
1979
Table 3

	Total	Percent	Hospital Number	Percent	Clinic Number	Percent
AGE						
Total	24,714	100.0	7,056	100.0	17,658	100.0
< 15	198	0.8	62	0.9	136	0.8
15-19	6,404	25.9	1,064	15.1	5,340	30.2
20-24	8,338	33.7	1,903	27.0	6,435	36.4
25-29	4,802	19.4	1,721	24.4	3,081	17.4
30-34	2,898	11.7	1,296	18.4	1,602	9.1
35-39	1,500	6.1	704	10.0	796	4.5
40-44	515	2.1	267	3.8	248	1.4
Over 44	44	0.2	31	0.4	13	0.1
Unknown	15	0.1	8	0.1	7	-
RACE						
Total	24,714	100.0	7,056	100.0	17,658	100.0
White	15,905	64.4	3,803	53.9	12,102	68.5
Nonwhite	8,659	35.0	3,127	44.3	5,532	31.3
Unknown	150	0.6	126	1.8	24	0.1
MARITAL STATUS						
Total	24,714	100.0	7,056	100.0	17,658	100.0
Married	6,936	28.1	2,954	41.9	3,982	22.6
Unmarried	17,682	71.5	4,025	57.0	13,657	77.3
Unknown	96	0.4	77	1.1	19	0.1
GESTATION						
Total	24,714	100.0	7,056	100.0	17,658	100.0
< 9	15,362	62.2	4,462	63.2	10,900	61.7
9-10	5,061	20.5	1,191	16.9	3,870	21.9
11-12	2,013	8.1	602	8.5	1,411	8.0
13-15	1,203	4.9	83	1.2	1,120	6.3
16-20	816	3.3	483	6.8	333	1.9
Over 20	47	0.2	47	0.7	0	-
Unknown	212	0.9	188	2.7	24	0.1

INDUCED ABORTIONS RECORDED IN NEW JERSEY BY AGE, PRIMARY PROCEDURE AND LENGTH OF GESTATION
1979

Table 4

	Total	Week of Gestation						
		< 9	9-10	11-12	13-15	16-20	20+	Unknown
AGE								
Total	24,714	15,362	5,061	2,013	1,203	816	47	212
< 15	198	77	49	28	16	28	0	0
15-19	6,404	3,397	1,445	705	490	324	18	25
20-24	8,338	5,232	1,734	641	411	251	16	53
25-29	4,802	3,247	913	335	158	96	4	49
30-34	2,898	2,044	522	165	67	54	3	43
35-39	1,500	997	284	96	45	47	3	28
40-44	515	329	108	39	12	16	3	8
Over 44	44	34	4	2	4	0	0	0
Unknown	15	5	2	2	0	0	0	6
PRIMARY PROCEDURE								
Total	24,714	15,362	5,061	2,013	1,203	816	47	212
Sharp Curettage	12,787	7,650	2,595	1,147	982	317	2	94
Suction Curettage	11,005	7,574	2,416	805	129	12	0	69
Hysterectomy	6	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
Hysterotomy	8	1	0	1	1	4	1	0
Saline Instillation	497	1	0	32	26	403	33	2
Prostaglandin Instillation	69	2	0	0	9	48	8	2
Other	84	2	0	2	54	23	3	0
Unknown	258	130	49	25	2	7	0	45

INDUCED ABORTIONS RECORDED IN NEW JERSEY AND PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY RACE, MARITAL STATUS AND AGE

1979

Table 5

	Total	Age																	
		< 15		15-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		Over 44		Unknown	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
RACE																			
Total	24,714	198	100.0	6,404	100.0	8,338	100.0	4,802	100.0	2,898	100.0	1,500	100.0	515	100.0	44	100.0	15	100.0
White	15,905	57	28.8	4,468	69.8	5,561	66.7	2,819	58.7	1,707	58.9	923	61.5	326	63.3	37	84.1	7	46.7
Nonwhite	8,659	140	70.7	1,898	29.6	2,738	32.8	1,959	40.8	1,159	40.0	570	38.0	184	35.7	7	15.9	4	26.7
Unknown	150	1	0.5	38	0.6	39	0.5	24	0.5	32	1.1	7	0.5	5	1.0	0	-	4	26.7
MARITAL STATUS																			
Total	24,714	198	100.0	6,404	100.0	8,338	100.0	4,802	100.0	2,898	100.0	1,500	100.0	515	100.0	44	100.0	15	100.0
Married	6,936	0	-	276	4.3	1,660	19.9	1,983	41.3	1,643	56.7	978	65.2	358	69.5	35	79.5	3	20.0
Unmarried	17,682	197	99.5	6,114	95.5	6,643	79.7	2,808	58.5	1,242	42.9	512	34.1	153	29.7	9	20.5	4	26.7
Unknown	96	1	0.5	14	0.2	35	0.4	11	0.2	13	0.4	10	0.7	4	0.8	0	-	8	53.3

DEFINITIONS

ABORTION - premature expulsion or removal from the uterus of the products of conception (the embryo or nonviable fetus).

FIRST TRIMESTER - first twelve menstrual weeks of pregnancy, as determined by the history given by the patient considered in conjunction with the physician's estimation of length of pregnancy by clinical examination of the size of the uterus.

SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTERS - pregnancy 13 or more menstrual weeks, as determined by the history given by the patient and the physician's findings or clinical examination of the size of the uterus before the abortion, and/or the size of the fetus as examined after the abortion.

HOSPITAL - health care facility licensed as a hospital in accordance with the statutes of New Jersey.

OUTPATIENT ABORTION FACILITY - licensed health care facility other than a hospital, in which abortion procedures are performed.

SUCTION CURETTAGE - dilation of cervix and removal of the products of conception.

SHARP CURETTAGE - dilation of cervix and removal of the products surgically by a sharp curettage.

HYSTERECTOMY - excision of the uterus.

HYSTEROTOMY - incision of the uterus to remove the fetus before viability.

SALINE INSTILLATION - second-trimester method of induced abortion, usually performed at or after 16 weeks of pregnancy, by instilling a concentrated salt solution into the amniotic sac by a needle inserted through the abdominal wall.

PROSTAGLANDIN - second-trimester abortion induced by prostaglandin, usually by injection into the uterine cavity through a needle inserted through the abdominal wall.